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MOAPIA Update Newsletter

Agency Updates, Events and Announcements, Career Connections, and more from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA)

A Message from the Director

Dear Community Members,

November is a month of celebrations and a perfect month for all of us in the District to come together. On November 5th, my agency along with the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiative partnered to celebrate DC government's first ever official Diwali Reception. The Hindu holiday brought together over 300 participants to enjoy an evening of food, music, and a traditional lamp lighting ceremony.

As mentioned in my last update, on Saturday November 7th, we kick off a new initiative with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Metropolitan Police, as well as community organizations to bridge cultural gaps and promote cultural awareness. The event, "Shaw Community Day," brought together residents in the District to enjoy a day of fun activities, music, and food. Specifically, we welcomed a skit performed by Pro-Ject, INC, sending out the message that bullying in any circumstance, is never acceptable. My agency is dedicated to serving the AAPI community, and will continue to support the children, adults, and seniors living here in the District.

Warm Regards,

David Do

Director, DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs



Apply for the FY16 AAPI Community Grant today!



MOAPIA is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's Asian American and Pacific Islander constituents [residents and/or business owners] - for its FY 2016 Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Grant. The Community Grants are intended to fund programs that provide direct services to the District's AAPI residents and/or merchants.

To read the full Notice of Funding Availability announcement, click [here](#).

The deadline for applications is November 20, 2015 6 PM.

MOAPIA is Looking to Hire a Community Outreach Assistant



The Bowser Administration seeks an energetic and qualified candidate to serve as the Community Outreach Assistant (Bilingual) of Mayor's Office of Asian Pacific Islander Affairs (MOAPIA) in the Executive Office of the Mayor.

The incumbent is responsible for the implementation of a strategic approach for the Mayor and the District of Columbia to engage, empower, and improve the quality of life of the AAPI community while integrating the interests of all key stakeholders. This includes implementation of policy and programs

which provide resources to ensure that full range health, education, employment and social services are made available to the AAPI community of the District of Columbia.

For more information and to apply, visit [here](#).

MOAPIA's Annual "Share a Smile, Give a Toy" Toy Drive

The holiday season is almost upon us! MOAPIA is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 3 - 15 years old. To drop off toys, please visit MOAPIA's office at 441 4th Street NW, Suite 721 North.

DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

"Share a Smile, Give a Toy"

Toy Drive & Holiday Celebration



to donate toys:

Donate new, unwrapped toys for children 3-15 years old at:
441 4th St NW, Suite 721N
from November 1 - December 1

to register children:

To register children to receive a toy, contact us at (202) 727-3120 or go to <https://goo.gl/4rYuN9>

Toys will be limited to registered children and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

Tuesday, **December 8th**
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Old Council Chambers
441 4th St NW
Washington, DC 20001
Metro: Judiciary Square (Red Line)

To pick up toys for your youth, join us for our holiday celebration!

To request accommodations for a disability, please call (202) 727-3120 seven days in advance.



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

MOAPIA Created a Google Group

Join MOAPIA's Google Group

Share news and events in your community with fellow DC residents. Get direct updates from MOAPIA.

 <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

The MOAPIA Google Group was created so that community members can have a space to connect with fellow like-minded individuals interested in all things AAPI. Members are encouraged to share their own news or events that are happening in DC (whether it be an upcoming happy hour, film screening, workshop, etc). MOAPIA will occasionally post updates on current and upcoming events/initiatives.

The space is also a way for members to get their questions answered regarding government programs and services. Have a question about sidewalk repairs, small business support, safety, language access, or any other topic? Post your questions on the forum! Or if you just want to voice a concern you have or concerns about your neighborhood, post it there and we will be sure to follow-up.

We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways to better serve you.

Feel free to share this great space with others!

Link: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcmoapia>

MOAPIA in the Community

MOAPIA Celebrated Diwali Reception



On November 5th, in partnership with the Mayor's Office on Women's Policy and Initiatives, MOAPIA celebrated Diwali which is a major Hindu holiday and is also known as the Festival of Lights. The event included remarks from Congressman Ami Bera (representing California's 7th congressional district), Radhika Prabhu (Art of Living), and Suhag Shukla (Executive Director, Hindu American Foundation).

The reception also included a traditional lamp lighting ceremony performed by the Venkat Ramachandran and performances from the South Asian Performing Arts Network.

[See Photos Here](#)

MOAPIA Hosted Shaw Community Day



On November 7th, MOAPIA hosted Shaw Community Day, a fun day for community members in the Shaw neighborhood to meet their neighbors while enjoying food, music, cultural performances, and

games.

Shaw Community Day is part of MOAPIA's "Out of Many Cultures, One Community" initiative aimed at building stronger community relationships and diminishing cultural gaps.

[See Photos Here](#)

Events and Announcements

Pledge to End Homelessness

Making **Homelessness** Rare, Brief,
and Non-recurring in DC

**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO
END HOMELESSNESS**



Mayor Bowser has a plan, Homeward DC, to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in the District. In her first budget, Mayor Bowser made historic investments in Homeward DC plan and in the solutions that we know will work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Learn more about the Homeward DC by visiting mayor.dc.gov/homewardDC that will end homelessness in DC. Sign the pledge to help community members who experience homelessness find a place to call home.



DC Resident Snow Team Recruitment

Mayor Muriel Bowser hopes you can join the DC Resident Snow Team to help our neighbors who need help clearing snow this winter. Our seniors and neighbors with disabilities need help shoveling snow from their front walkways and sidewalks to get to medical appointments and to receive meals in their homes. Volunteer to shovel for a neighbor by signing up at snowteam.dc.gov.

Hands on Hearts CPR Training Program

"Hands on Hearts" is an initiative to provide free CPR and AED awareness training to District residents. When hands-only CPR is performed immediately during cardiac arrest, it may increase the chance of a person's survival. The District is committed to providing residents with the skills needed to help save a life. For more information or to sign up for "Hands on Hearts" CPR training, visit handsonhearts.dc.gov or call 311.



DCRA Free Seminars

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is offering six free seminars throughout the month of November for existing and aspiring District businesses.

For more information, visit DCRA's website [here](#).

DCRA FREE SEMINARS

FOR EXISTING AND ASPIRING DISTRICT BUSINESSES

Senior Entrepreneurship Program

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015

Time: 10:15 am – 11:45 am

Location: Hattie Holmes
324 Kennedy Street NW
Washington DC 20011

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41353>

Money Smart for Small Business - Insurance and Banking Services

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: 1100 4th Street SW
4th Floor (E-4302)
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41243>

SmartStart Integrated Licensing and Money Smart for Small Business Program

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: 1100 4th Street SW
2nd Floor (E-268)
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41340>

The Regulatory Process of Starting a Business

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Southwest Neighborhood Library
900 Wesley Place SW
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41340>

How to Open a Small Business by Navigating through DCRA's Regulatory Process

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: 1100 4th Street SW
2nd Floor (E-200)
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41232>

Navigating Government Contracting with DC Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: 1100 4th Street SW
4th Floor (E-4302)
Washington DC 20024

To Register: <http://bizdc.eccenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetailAction?ID=41230>



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11/18 - Fire Engine Company 22 Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please join Mayor Bowser and members of the community to celebrate the opening of the new Fire and EMS Engine Company 22, located at 6825 Georgia Avenue, NW.

This \$12 million, state-of-the-art fire station at Walter Reed will improve emergency services for the community, and will create pathways to the middle class - with nearly 5,000 new jobs.

If you're able to make it, please RSVP [here](#).

Wednesday, **November 18**

11:00 AM

6825 Georgia Ave NW

Washington, DC 20012

Mayor Muriel Bowser, the Department of General Services and the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department invite you to.....

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**Wednesday, November 18, 2015
11:00 AM**

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If you're able to make it, please RSVP at
<https://fire-engine-company-22-groundbreaking.eventbrite.com>.

We hope to see you there!



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

11/25 - Safeway's Feast of Sharing

A delicious and free Thanksgiving dinner for those in need, served by dedicated volunteers.

Wednesday, **November 25**

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

801 Mount Vernon Place NW

Washington, DC 20001

SAFeway FEAST of SHARING

AT THE WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER



Join us as we celebrate
this season of giving!

#SAFEWAYFEAST

WHAT: A great day of beneficial services and a delicious, FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER for those in need served by dedicated volunteers!

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015
from 9:30 am – 1 pm

WHERE:
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place, NW
Washington, DC

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:30 am (West Salon)	FREE Job Fair and Health Screenings
11:30	Dinner Seating One (Hall D)
12:00	Dinner Seating Two (Hall D)
12:30	Dinner Seating Three (Hall D)



FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR
COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS
PROVIDED BY SUNTRUST BANK

This event is Metro accessible. The closest stations
are Mt. Vernon Sq/7th Street-Convention Center
(Green/Yellow Lines) and Gallery Place (Red Line).



12/5 - OCA's APA Youth Advocate Training

Launched Fall 2012 semester, APA Youth-Advocate is a State Farm® funded, half-day interactive training focused on equipping youth with skills to enhance their personal lives as well as providing them a stronger platform before going to college. OCA internship alums facilitate this advocacy training which is brought to local OCA Chapters. The half day program focuses on the development of APA High School youth in our communities.

Saturday, **December 5**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

1322 18th Street NW

Washington, DC 20036

For more information, visit [here](#).



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
BROUGHT TO YOU BY OCA NATIONAL CENTER

FREE PROGRAM
HOSTED BY OCA-National

OCA NATIONAL CENTER
1322 18th street NW
Washington DC 20036

SATURDAY, December 5

10:00AM – 3:00PM

Breakfast and lunch will be served!

PROGRAM IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHAT IS *APA Y- ADVOCATE?

Half a day program focused on the development of APA youth in our communities.

- ✓ Students will develop leadership skills
- ✓ Students will build a growing relationship with OCA local chapter
- ✓ Students will gain awareness of social justice issues
- ✓ Students will have an understanding of why it's important to advocate

Registration Instructions

Step 1 Go to www.ocanational.org

Step 2 Click Programs

Step 3 Click APA Y-Advocate

Step 4 Click the Registration link to complete on-line form

Step 5 Print, and bring signed *permission slip*

*Students 17 years old and under will require to submit a parent/guardian permission slip. [Click here](#) for document.

OR [click here to be taken to the on-line form](#)

Deadline to register is December 1, 2015

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This program has been made possible by the generous support from



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